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Applicant: Francis Joseph Carr et al.)
Application No. 09/518,813)
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For: METHODS FOR PROTEIN SCREENING) Group Art Unit: 1639
Examiner: Jon D. Epperson) Atty docket No. MER-105

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5-2-03**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER RULE 111**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 23, 2002 on the above-identified application. In view of the amendments and traverse provided herein, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in form for allowance. Submitted herewith is a petition under Rule 1.136 for a one month extension of time to reply to the Office Action and the fee of \$110.00 as set forth in Rule 1.17(a)(1). The Commissioner is authorized to debit any underpayment or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this response to Deposit Account No. 15-0508.